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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jon S. Holt, 46, of Taylor's Falls, Minnesota, was convicted of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine today following a two-day trial in federal court in Madison. U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for October 25, 2005. Because Holt has a prior felony drug conviction, he faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison.

The evidence showed that in February 2002, Holt, along with several other people, conspired to manufacture methamphetamine at a residence in Grantsburg, Wisconsin. Holt supplied the anhydrous ammonia for the manufacture in exchange for half of any methamphetamine produced. David Corty, Jr., 25, of Rush City, Minnesota, and Douglas Mudek, 40, of Cambridge, Minnesota, both pleaded guilty to this conspiracy in July 2005.

The charges against Holt were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations-Narcotics Bureau, the Burnett County Sheriff's Department, the Chisago County, Minnesota Sheriff's Office, and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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